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The undersigned attorney for the Applicants respectfully petitions the Commissioner to grant the subject application a filing date of March 13, 2000. As set forth in the enclosed Affidavit of William E. Johnson, Jr., the attorney for the Applicants filed via express mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.10, the complete application, and including the drawings including Figs. 1-4. A duplicate set of such drawings is enclosed herewith for purposes of comparison. The duplicate set of drawings contains the serial number and filing date of March 13, 2000, for ease of identification by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The Petition Fee of \$130.00 is enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Petition Fee be refunded in view of the drawings having already been filed in this application on March 13, 2000.

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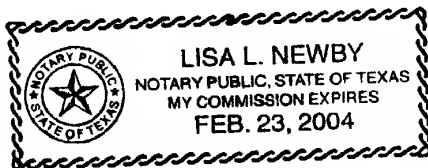
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Before me, a Notary Public, came on this date William E. Johnson, Jr., known by me to be the individual who executed the foregoing document for the purposes set forth therein.

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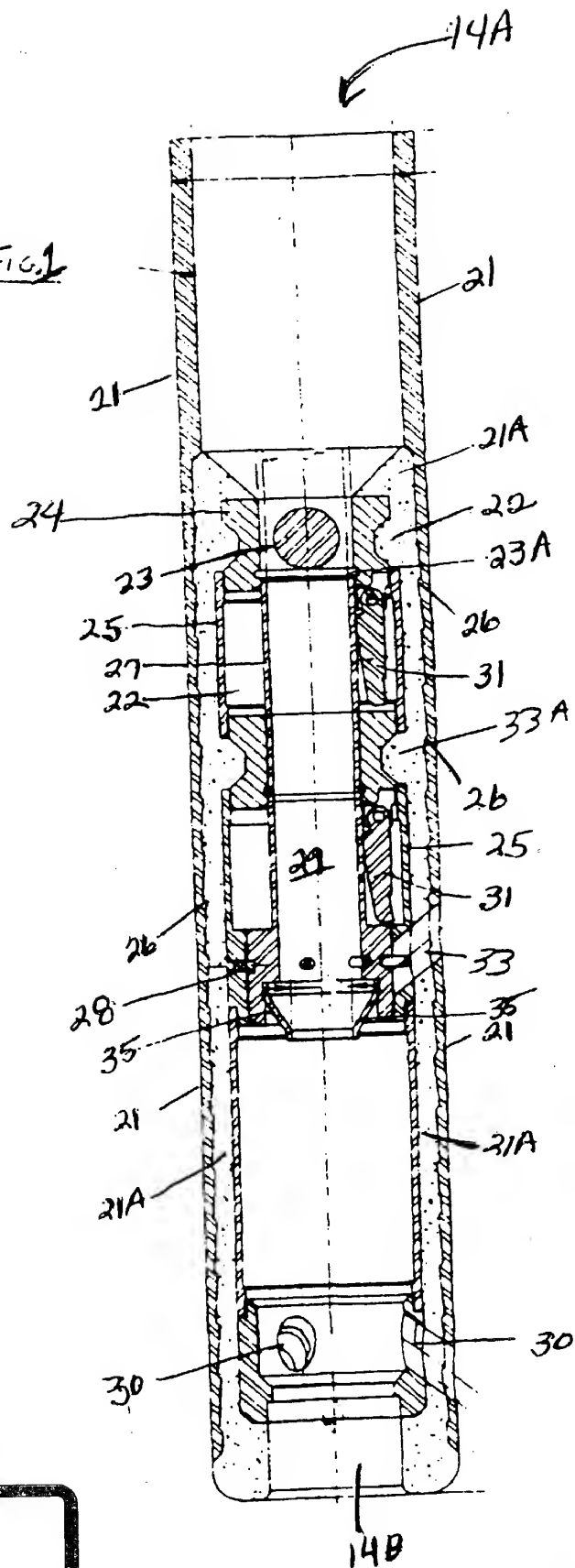
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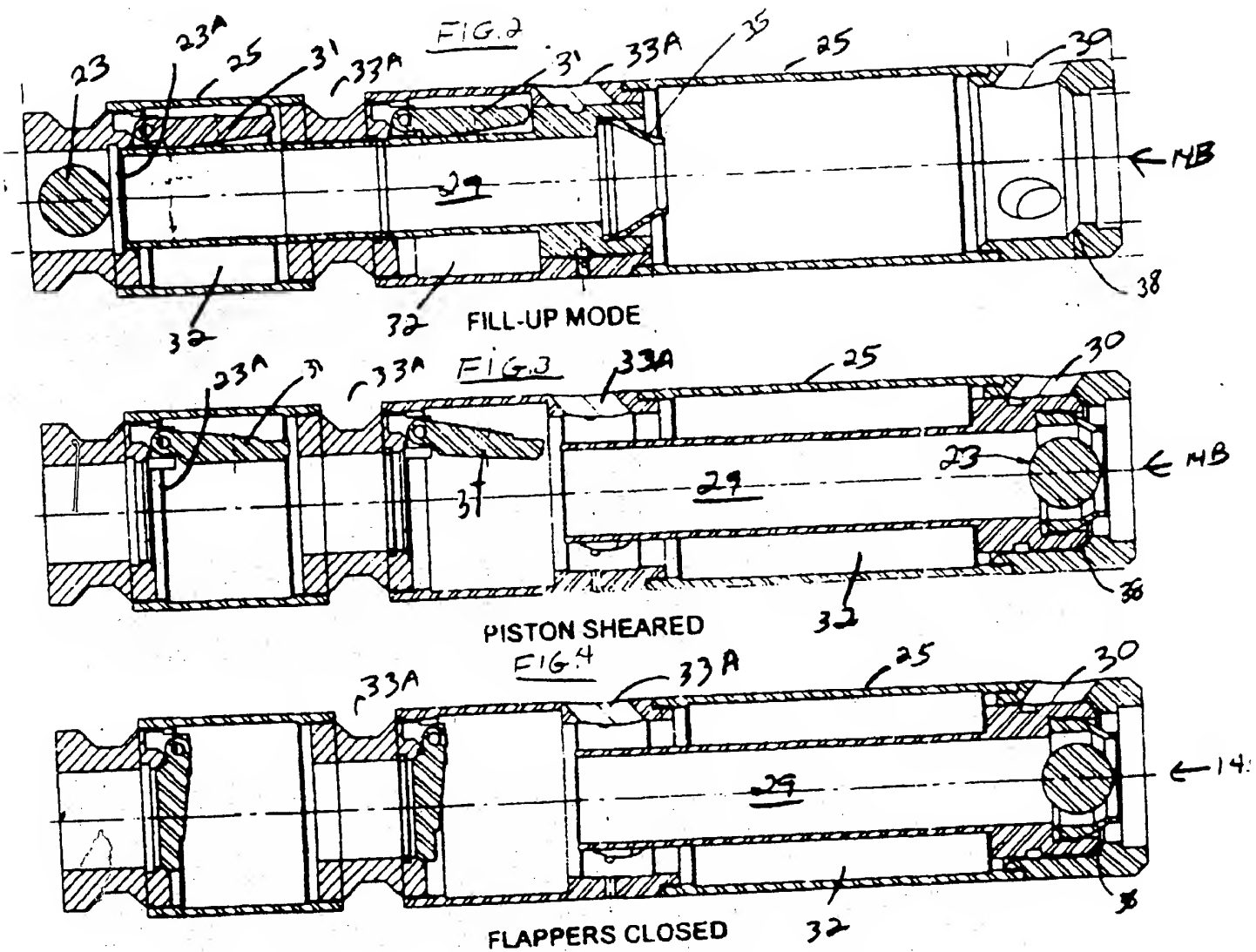
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- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*
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see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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